



**T H E  
Caledonian Mercury,**

**BEING**

**A short Account of all the most considerable News  
Foreign and Domestic.**

*Edinburgh, Tuesday July 23, 1723.*

*From the Evening Post, July 18.*

*Since our last arrived one Mail from France.*

*Paris, July 24.*

**T**H E King does not go to Versailles before the 13th Instant, that Day being the Festival of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, his Majesty will assist at the solemn Procession, and some Days after return to Meudon, near which Place he has bought this Year's Product of a Vineyard for his Diversion, designing to gather the Grapes, with all the young Lords and Ladies of his Court; for which Purpose, they are now making a sufficient Number of Baskets, all gilt on the outside.

Last Saturday, the Count de Belle Ile made his personal Appearance, and was examin'd for the first Time by the Commissioners of the Arsenal. The Duke de la Merlleraie, having in the open Street, abused a Priest of this City, was on the 21st Instant conducted by his own Father, the Duke de Mazarin, to the Bastile, where for that Offence, he is to be confined a Twelve Month.

*London, July 18.*

*Prizes in the State Lottery since our last.*

Numb. 45,159. 100 L.	38,416. 100 L.	42,605. 100 L.	26,935. 100 L.
Numb. 19,615. 500 L.	62,436. 100 L.	51,658. 500 L.	10,858. 100 L.
Numb. 9813. 100 L.	65,136. 1000 L.	50,732. 1000 L.	29,953. 100 L.
Numb. 74,247. 100 L.	29,732. 500 L.	71,596. 100 L.	26881. 1000 L.
Numb. 27,839. 100 L.	48,724. 100 L.		

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 102, 7 8ths. Bonk 119, 1 qr. India 130, 5 8ths. African 11. York Buildings 7, 1 half.

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*From the Flying Post.*

*Hague, July 21.* Letters from Berlin say, they shortly expect the King of Great Britain to pay a Visit to the Queen his Daughter, who is too far gone with Child, to wait on his Majesty at Herenhausen. The English Company settled at Hamburg, have chose Mr. John Emmerfon, who has been many Years a Member, to be their Governour, in the Room of the late Mr. Foley. The Governour of that City, is said to have alarm'd the Inhabitants of the Dutchy of Mecklenburg, with Advice that their Duke, who is still at Dantzick, has at length made an Accommodation with the Emperor; that consequently the Troops of Lower Saxony are speedily to quit his Country, and that the States would do well to make Peace with him as soon as they can. But this News cannot be depended upon without further Confirmation, tho' some do not stick to say that his Highness has wrote to his youngest Brother, that the Imperial Commission have resolved to take him into their Protection.

Letters from Copenhagen say, That the Swedish Major General Coyer, is to be banished for Life to Municholm Castle, near Drontheim in Norway: and that the Magistrats of Fredricshall, at the Siege of which, the last King of Sweden was kill'd, have Leave to erect a Marble Pillar on the very Spot where he fell.

*Paris, July 21.* It was not the Marshal de Estrées who died suddenly on the 16th, but the Duke his Cousin, who left no Issue, and his Corps is to be carried without any Ceremony to Soissons, the Burial-Place of his Ancestors.

Letters from Rome say, That on the Eve of St. Peter, the Emperor's Ambassador Extraordinary, presented the Pope with the Nagg and the Bill of Exchange for 12000 Ducates, being the annual Tribute for the Kingdom of Naples, That the Emperor has cautioned the Pope not to give K. George any Occasion of Complaint against his Conduct in Favour of the Pretender; and some will have it that in a private Audience to which the Pope lately admitted the Pretender by the Back-stairs, he charged him to go upon no more silly Enterprizes, whether of his own or his Adherents Invention. Cardinal Panfilii has resigned the Protectorship of the Clementine College, notwithstanding all that the Pretender, &c. could urge to dissuade him.

Letters from Italy mention the following severe Execution of the Counts de la Tour and Strafolds, &c. at Gradisca, for the late Murder of the Former's Wife. After being degraded and carried to the Place of Execution, together with the Count de la Tour's Mother, Daughter and Maid, who were Accomplices; the Count de la Tour going up the Ladder of the Scaffold with his bare Knees, begg'd Pardon of the Emperor and his Subjects, and the Republick of Venice; but Strafolds Courage failing him, he spoke not a Word, only seemed very penitent. The old Countess would not have her Eyes blinded, and declared she was the Cause of the whole Tragedy. After the usual Prayer made by the Extraordinary, the Hangman tore two Pieces of Flesh out of the Count de la Tour's Breast with red hot Pincers, and cut off his Head, after which he turned to Strafolds, pinch'd out four Pieces of his Breast in like Manner, cut off his Right Hand and then his Head. The old Countess had a Blow given her with a hot Iron on her Breast, and had her Head likewise cut off. The Daughter was condemned to be shut up in a Cloister for Life, and the Maid to serve a Year in a Work-house, with a Chain at her Feet, and then to be banished for ever from the Emperor's Dominions. At the same time they write from Arezzo in Florence, That one Verdomini, is also taken up there: with his Servant Maid, for cutting his Wife's Throat.

*From the Evening Post.*

*Prague, July 18.* Prince Eugene is at this Place. 'Tis talk'd, that some of the greatest Princes of the Empire, design to come and pay a Visit to his Imperial Majesty. The Foreign Ministers, who resided at Vienna, arrive here daily.

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*Brussels, July 19.* The late Bishop of Rochester is still here; but 'tis thought will not hire any House before he is informed whether his Residence in this City is approv'd by the Court.

*Paris, July 21.* The Cardinal Dubois is relaps'd again, and keeps his Chamber, nobody has been admitted to see him for two or three Days. The King will return from Meudon to Versailles, either the 27th or 28th next. His Majesty having view'd lately the Plans or Draughts of all his Country Seats. 'Tis thought he will, about the latter End of the Summer, go to Chambry and some other Places.

*London, July 16.* This Day a Court of Aldermen was held at Guildhall, when Sir Richard Hopkins and Felix East Esq. gave Bonds to hold the Office of Sheriffs of London and Middlesex for the Year ensuing. The Court then took into Consideration the Merits of the Election upon Scrutiny for an Alderman of Cripplegate Ward. Several Affidavits were read, and after a long Debate, the Deciding of the Election was deferr'd till Tuesday next. We hear it is allowed, that Sir John Williams has a Majority of good Votes, and the remaining Dispute is, in Relation to the menacing of Mr. Feasts Scrutineers.

*From the Whitehall Evening Post.*

*Lember, June 22.* The Frontiers of this Country are secur'd against Insults by the rapacious Tartars, who commit their wonted Depredations. In the mean time, the Turkish Governour of Choczim has given repeted Assurances to the Crown General, that the Grand Seignior will perpetuate the Peace with this Republic, unless Provocation be given by the Poles to come to a Rupture.

*Turin, July 7.* The 3d Instant the Senate published the new Constitutions to be observ'd for the future in this Country, in all Cases, as well Criminal as Civil. In this Codex, the King assumes the Title of King of Sardinia, Cyprus and Jerusalem, but not that of Sicily.

*Leghorn, July 3.* We hear a Maltese Cruizer has lately taken another Rover of Tripoli, having 60 Turks on board. They write from Cadix, That a French Captain having bought a Vessel there, 35 Marines of different Nations went on board her; on Pretence of buying salt Provisions, and carried off the Vessel; they afterwards chased an English Ship, having on board 300000 Pieces of Eight, but could not take her for want of Powder. They afterwards met another British Vessel, out of which they took all the Arms and Ammunition, &c. and then let her go.

*Prague, July 10.* The Arrival of the King of Great Britain in his German Dominions, occasions inexpressible Joy in these Parts; and 'tis thought, an Imperial Minister will be sent from Vienna, to congratulate that Monarch upon that Occasion.

His Imperial Majesty, before his Arrival here, sent Orders for dissolving the Diet of Hungary. A Rumour is spread, that a Spanish Ambassador is coming hither with a very important Commission.

*Hamburg, July 20.* 'Tis advis'd from Stockholm, That tho' the States of Sweden had granted the Titles of Emperor and Royal Highness to the Czar and the D. of Holstein, yet they had taken no Resolution relating to the Succession of the Crown of Sweden, in case their present Majesties die without Issue.

*Petersburg, July 2.* 'Tis said, That Metiweys the Persian Rebel, has caused several of the principal Inhabitants to be executed, for putting themselves so readily under the Protection of our Emperor; and that all such who have retired from their Abodes, are to return thither within a stated Time, on pain of being treated as Traitors.

*London, July 18.* On Friday last a young Gentleman, just arriv'd here from Holland in the Eagle Merchant-man, went ashore to furnish himself with some Things he wanted, and returned that Night on board the said Ship, which lay in the Pool, intending the next Morning to wait upon a rich Uncle of his in the City: But as he sat upon the Gunnel that Evening, he had the Misfortune

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to tumble over-board and be drowned. He was taken up the next Morning,  
and a Purse with a very considerable Quantity of Gold was found about him.

*From the Flying Post, July 18.*

*To the Author.*

S I R,

The under written Prophecy, which, by the Character, seems to have been made in the Reign of King James I. deserves your Notice, for the Entertainment of the Curious.

*Great City, built by Good King Lud,  
Which long hast free and wealthy stood;  
No King thy Freedom shall impair,  
Nor haughty Prelat, nor Lord Mayor.  
But when for † Reeves by public Voice,  
A Priest and Infant are thy Choice;  
Beware, O then, beware, fair Town!  
Or by those Dolts thou'lt be undone,  
For, deck'd with Chains, and swoln with Pride,  
Their whittled Hobbies got astride,  
O'er all thy Franchises they'll ride,  
Numbers will be of use no more,  
And Two and Two shall not make Four.*

July 11, 1723.

H. F. G. H. K.

*W E's Letter verbatim, London, July 18th.*

**T**HE Queen of Sweden, as well as the King, has condescended to give the Duke of Holstein the Title of Royal Highness, as being the next Prince of the Blood, with the Proviso however, that he shall not be thereby formally entitled to the Succession to the Crown of Sweden, but that this Point shall be left to the Consideration of the next Diet.

As to the Arrears due to the Duke, the States have resolved, That this shall be paid out of the 400000 Rubles stipulated by the Treaty of Nyftad; but this Resolution wants the Approbation of the Queen, who is remarked to be a good Wife, but not over Good to her Kindred. However it be, one would think, that if the King and Queen have no Children, nor are ever likely to have any; they are rather to be thankful for the Blessing of having a Prince so nearly related to them, and so worthy to step into the Throne after them, than enter into such dreadful Resolutions, as to turn their Government Topsy Turvy to keep him out.

The great Turn that is given in Favour of the Duke of Holstein, is very much owing to the Interpositions of the Czar, whose chief Design thereby, is to establish the Muscovite and Swedes in one Interest.

They write from Paris, That the King of Spain's Order for restoring Commerce between the two Kingdoms as before the Contagion, has occasioned great Joy amongst all Traders in France. There is no News when the Cambray Congress will be opened. Some Accounts say, the chief Obstacle is about the Fortresses of Gibraltar and Port Mahon, and how this Affair can be adjusted, we do not pretend to determine, especially if it be true, that the Spainards persist in their Demands of those two Places: and that on the other Hand, the English are inflexible in their Refusal to deliver them up.

From Friday last, to Tuesday following, have been entred at our Custom-house for Transportation for Holland, 6260 Ounces of foreign Gold, and 4000 of Silver, we leave you to judge at the Reason, for the daily making these Exportations of our foreign Species.

Yesterday in the Evening, Count Staremburg the Imperial Ambassador, and the Princess his Wife, set out for Greenwich, in order to embark on Board the Fubbs Yacht, which (the Wind being fair) sailed this Morning for Holland, from whence they pass to his Majesty at Hanover.

Yesterday

† Our Sheriff is a Compound of the two Saxon Words, Scyre, which signifies Shire, and Reve, Governour.



Yesterday came down a Precept from the Commissioners appointed to put in Execution an Act of last Sessions, for levying a Tax on Papists, &c. To the Collectors of the Land Tax for this City, and Liberties, requiring them to get the best Information they can of all Papists and Nonjurors, and also of their real and personal Estates, or any in Trust for them, and make a Presentment thereof to their best Knowledge upon Oath, at Guildhall, the 13th of August next, on Penalty 100 L. Forfeiture.

In the Debates last Tuesday amongst the Court of Aldermen, relating to the Affair of Sheriffs, great Notice was taken of the Paper called the *True Briton*; and the Recorder Sir William Thompson said, *A Time perhaps would come, when the Author (who they say has bore very hard upon Sir William, in his Writings) would be discovered and punish'd, according to his Demerit, altho' at present he is under Cover.*

On Tuesday last came on a Trial before the Lord Chancellor, in a Case between Thomas Edwards, Esq; Member of Parliament for Haversford West, and the Honourable, the Lady Elizabeth Rich, his Wife, Plaintiffs; and the Right Honourable, Charlotte Countess Dowager of Warwick and Holland, and Ms. Addison, her Daughter, Defendants: Touching the Sum of 10000 L. Whether the same should be considered as a real Interest; which descended to Mr. Edwards and his Lady, as Aunt and Heir to the late Earl of Warwick and Holland; or as a Chattel Interest, which was to be distributed between the Countess and Ms. Addison. After a long Hearing, his Lordship made a Decree in favours of the Plaintiffs.

Dr. Herbert is made a Prebendary in Westminster, in the Room of Dr. Bradford, now Bishop of Rochester and Dean of Westminster.

To-morrow will be a general Review of the Forces encamped in Hyde Park.

Haddington, July 19, 1723.

Best Wheat, 10 L. 00 sh.	2d Ditto, 9 L. 10 sh.	3d Ditto, 8 L. 12 sh.
Best Bear, 08 L. 14 sh.	2d Ditto, 7 L. 14 sh.	3d Ditto, 7 L. 04 sh.
Best Oats, 06 L. 04 sh.	2d Ditto, 6 L. 00 sh.	3d Ditto, 5 L. 16 sh.
Best Pease, 08 L. 00 sh.	2d Ditto, 7 L. 14 sh.	3d Ditto, 7 L. 10 sh.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

\* \* These are to give Notice, That the Committee of the Creditors of George Windram of Eymouth, have appointed Thursday the first of August next, for a General Meeting of the saids Creditors, to be held at Edinburgh, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner, at 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, and it is earnestly desired, the Creditors will give punctual Attendance by themselves in Person, or by their Doers, having sufficient Powers to act in Concert with the Rest, and that such as have not given in their Claims may then do it, and condescend particularly upon their Sums and Securities, Diligence done thereon; and their Dates.

**T**HAT the Plates of Twelve and Five Pound Value, put out by the Magistrats and Burgh of Lanerk, and Advertis'd to be run for on Wednesday and Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Days of July Instant; are Delay'd, no Horses having come to the said Town to be book'd, in the Terms of the Articles, except those belonging to Mr. Lockheart Younger of Carnwath: Wherefore the said Magistrats have resolved, with his Consent, to have the said Plates run for at a more convenient Time, as shall be appointed and Advertis'd.

\* \* These are to Advertise the Creditors of George Home late of Whitefield, to meet at John's Coffee-house upon Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July Instant, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon.

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**T**HESE are to give Notice upon the 23d Day of July Instant, betwixt the Hours of Three and Four in the Afternoon, at the House of Robert Brown Vintner, at the Spread Eagle, in the Land-market, is to be expos'd to a publick Roup, the large Lodging, with a Flower Garden, and several other large Kitchen Gardens, down to the North Loch, with a Stable and Gardner's House, and other Conveniencies which belonged to, and were possessed by the late Lord Fountainhall, a little below the Bowhead Well, North-side of the Street. The Conditions of the Roup, and Progress of the Rights, are to be seen at John M'Comies Chamber, in Deason Nimmo's House in Kinloch's Close, South-side of the Street, opposite to Carruber's Land.

These are to give Notice, that upon the 29th Day of July next, in the House of Arthur Reid, Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be expos'd to Sale by way of voluntar Roup, the Lands and Barony of *Tinwall*, with the Patronage of the Kirk of *Tinwall*, a large Mansion-house, Orchyards, Yards and other Pertinents, holding Blench of the Crown: As also the Lands of *Brunskairth*, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The said Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Mofs, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniencies, and ly within 3 Miles of *Drumfrie*. As also the Lodging in the *Covenant-Close* in *Edinburgh*, lately posses'd by the deceas'd *William Alves*, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progress of Writes are to be seen at the Writing-Chamber of *Andrew Alves*, at *Don's-Close-Head*, opposite to the *Luckenbooths*.

That the Town and Lands of *Stow* with the Mansion-house, Orchard, Planting, Parks, Inclosures and Dovecote; the Lands of *Cribbulaw*, and *Overlugget*, *Wedderboun* and *Birksneip*; lying 16 Miles South from *Edinburgh*, within the Parish of *Stow*, and Sheriffdom of *Edinburgh*; being of yearly free Rent, 2400 *l. Scots* or thereby, holding Feu of the Crown; are to be sold. Whoever inclines to purchase the same, may see the Progress of Writs and Rental in the Hands of *James Wilkie*, at *Alexander Glass*, Writer to the Signet, his Chamber, opposite to the *Tolbooth*.

There is a General Meeting of the Creditors of *John Mitchel* of *Balberdy*, to be upon the 29th of July Instant, in the House of Robert Brown, Vintner in the Land-market of *Edinburgh*, at 3 a-clock in the Afternoon. And those who cannot attend, are desired to empower one to act and do for them; there being Matters of Importance to be laid before them, for the Interest and Beboof of the whole Creditors who are desired to bring the Instructions of their Debt along with them.

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